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WILLIAMSBURG, KENTUCKY – A RESOURCE PROFILE

Williamsburg, the county seat of Whitley County, is located on the southern border of the Eastern Kentucky Coal Field. The city of Williamsburg is located 70 miles north of Knoxville, Tennessee; 105 miles south of Lexington, Kentucky; 176 miles southeast of Louisville, Kentucky; and 181 miles south of Cincinnati, Ohio. Williamsburg had an estimated 1998 population of 6,008.

Whitley County covers a total land area of 440 square miles. Whitley County is a well-dissected upland with a hilly to mountainous terrain. The county's southern boundary is formed by the Kentucky-Tennessee state line. Whitley County had an estimated 1998 population of 35,938.

The Economic Framework – Whitley County firms employed 10,584 people in 1997. Contract construction firms provided 341 jobs; mining and quarrying firms in the county employed 203; manufacturing firms in the county reported 1,630 employees; wholesale and retail trade provided 2,728 jobs; 2,962 were employed in the service industry; and state and local government accounted for 1,903 jobs.

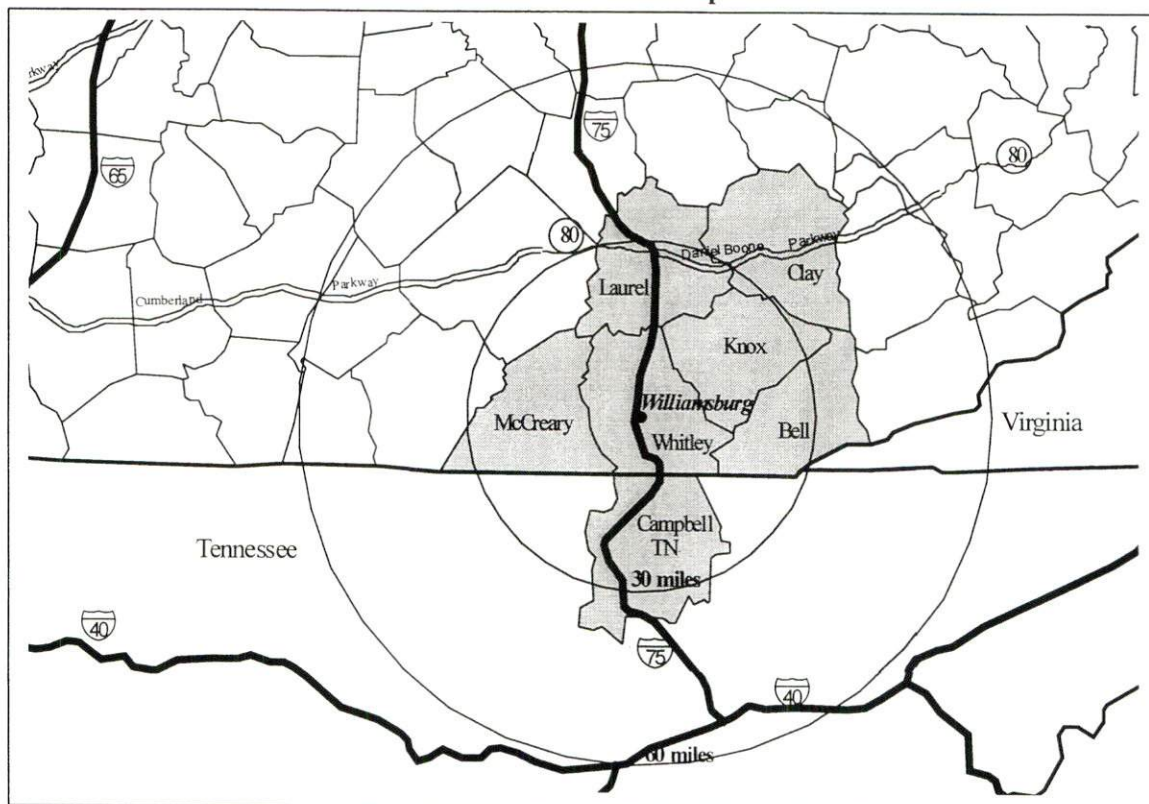
Labor Supply – There is a current estimated labor supply of 36,722 persons available for industrial jobs in the labor market area. In addition, from 1999 through 2003, approximately 17,887 young persons in the labor market area will become 18 years of age and potentially available for industrial jobs.

Transportation – Williamsburg is served directly by Interstate 75, a major north-south corridor, and by U.S. Highway 25W and Kentucky Highway 92. Sixteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Williamsburg. CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest scheduled commercial airline service is available at the McGhee-Tyson Airport near Knoxville, Tennessee, 81 miles south of Williamsburg. Small craft air service is available at Magee Field in London, 28 miles north of Williamsburg.

Power and Fuel – The Kentucky Utilities Company provides electric power to Williamsburg and parts of Whitley County. Portions of Whitley County are served by Cumberland Valley Electric. Natural gas service is provided to Williamsburg by the Delta Natural Gas Company.

Education – The Williamsburg Independent School System and the Whitley County School District provide primary and secondary education. Cumberland College, established in 1889, is a four-year co-educational liberal arts college located in Williamsburg. In addition, seven other colleges and universities are located within 60 miles of Williamsburg. The nearest area technology centers (ATC) providing secondary education are Corbin ATC in Corbin; Knox County ATC in Barbourville; and Bell County ATC in Pineville. The nearest technical colleges providing post-secondary education are Laurel Co. Technical College Cumberland Valley Campus in Pineville; Laurel Co. Technical College in London; and Somerset Technical College in Somerset.

Labor Market Area Maps



Note: To obtain detailed topographical and general highway maps contact Maps and Publications at 502-564-4715, or for industrial site maps contact the Site Evaluation Division at 502-564-7140.

LABOR MARKET STATISTICS

The Williamsburg labor market area includes Whitley County and the following additional counties: Bell; Clay; Knox; Laurel; McCreary; and Campbell, TN.

Population

	<u>1980</u>	<u>1990</u>	<u>1995</u>	<u>1998*</u>
Labor Market Area	210,256	210,374	220,851	225,394
Whitley County	33,396	33,326	35,440	35,938
Williamsburg	5,560	5,493	5,892	6,008

Note: * Population estimates. N/A – Data not available.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census.

Population Projections

	<u>2000</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2020</u>
Labor Market Area	227,313	238,748	247,118
Whitley County	36,226	37,712	38,658

Source: University of Louisville, Urban Studies Center, State Data Center. Out-of-state counties within the labor market area computed by the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development.

Estimated Labor Supply

	<u>Available Labor, 1998</u>			<u>Future Labor Becoming 18 years of age 1999 through 2003</u>
	<u>Total</u>	<u>Unemployed</u>	<u>Potential Labor Supply</u>	
Labor Market Area	36,722	5,373	5,743	17,887
Whitley County	5,891	778	889	2,816

Note: Unemployed – people not working but actively seeking work. Potential Labor Supply – represents the number of persons not in the labor force, but would like a job (based on national estimates). Underemployed – people employed in wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services. See Appendix for further explanation.

Sources: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of the Census. Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Future Labor Supply Becoming 18 Years of Age, 1999 through 2003.

Labor Force Characteristics of Residents, 1998

	<u>Whitley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
Civilian Labor Force	13,950	87,699
Employed	13,172	82,326
Unemployed	778	5,373
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.6	6.1

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Work Force Commuting Patterns, 1990

Workers commuting into Whitley County	5,646
Workers commuting out of Whitley County	2,343
Workers residing and working in Whitley County	8,607

Source: University of Louisville, State Data Center.

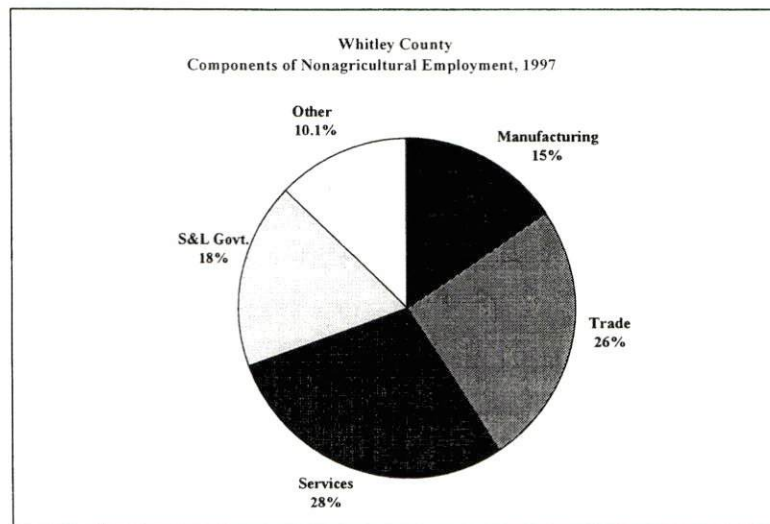
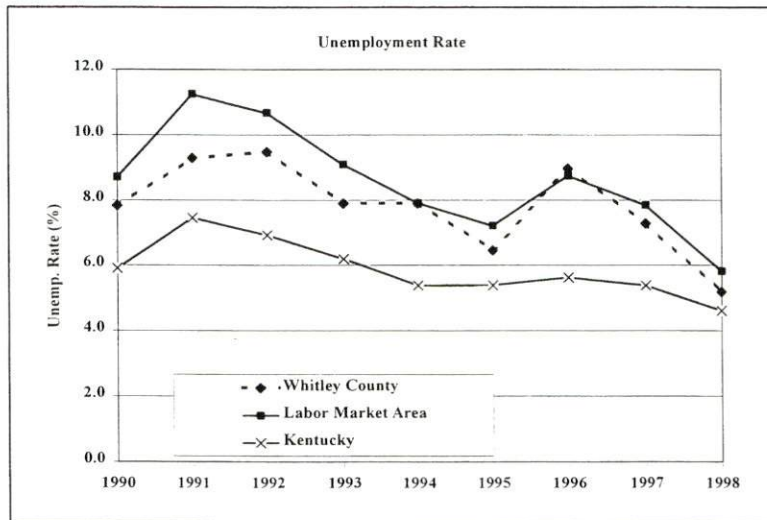
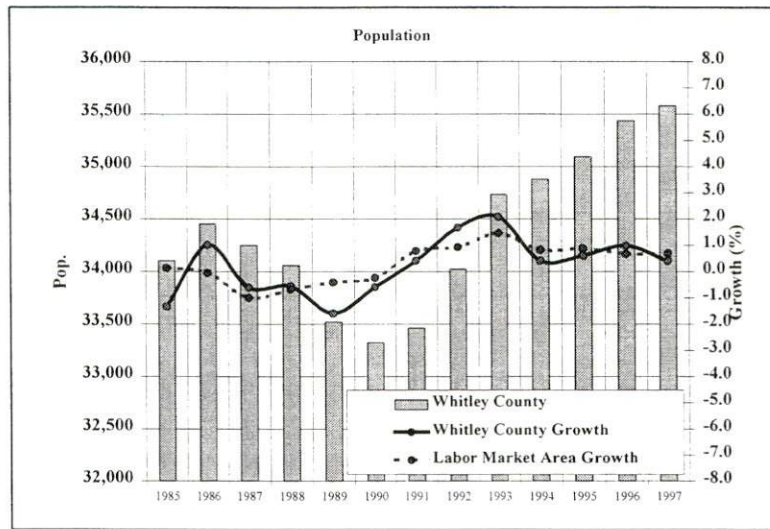
Selected Components of Nonagricultural Employment by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Whitley County</u>	<u>Labor Market Area</u>
All Industries	10,584	63,674
Mining & Quarrying	203	1,958
Contract Construction	341	2,369
Manufacturing	1,630	11,021
Transportation & Public Utilities	319	2,335
Wholesale & Retail Trade	2,728	18,825
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	483	2,229
Services	2,962	13,054
State & Local Government	1,903	11,631
Other	15	215

Note: Excludes domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers. N/A – Data not available.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Monthly Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. Out-of-state counties within the labor market area provided by the respective states' departments for employment services.

Selected Charts



Per Capita Personal Income

	<u>1993</u>	<u>1997</u>	<u>Percent Change (1993-1997)</u>
Whitley County	\$12,884	\$14,830	15.1%
Kentucky	\$17,309	\$20,570	18.8%
U.S.	\$21,368	\$25,288	18.3%
Labor Market Area Range	\$10,039 - \$13,936	\$11,880 - \$16,478	-

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis, 1998.

Average Placement Wages

The Kentucky Department for Employment Services local office in Corbin serves Whitley County. The focus of the following data is on job placements made by the Corbin local office and may therefore be used as an indicator of the wages which employers in the area pay new employees. During the twelve months ended on June 30, 1998, the local employment office filled Whitley County job openings in various occupational categories. The average hourly wage for selected occupational categories were:

	<u>Number of Placements</u>	<u>Average Wage (\$)</u>
All Occupations	2,848	5.71
Professional, Technical & Managerial	126	8.06
Clerical	225	5.44
Sales	40	5.93
Domestic	7	5.36
Services (excluding domestic)	394	5.42
Agricultural, Fishery, Forestry, etc.	14	4.81
Processing	381	5.56
Machine Trades	32	7.35
Bench Work	1,066	5.22
Structural	231	6.32
Motor Freight & Transportation	66	5.86
Packaging & Materials Handling	262	6.61
Other	4	7.56

Note: Occupational categories are taken from the Dictionary of Occupational Titles published by the U.S. Department of Labor. The Corbin local office serves Clay, Jackson, Knox, Laurel, Rockcastle, and Whitley Counties.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Department for Employment Services.

Average Weekly Wages by Industry by Place of Work, 1997

	<u>Whitley County</u>	<u>Kentucky (Statewide)</u>	<u>Tennessee</u>	<u>Virginia</u>
All Industries	\$397.68	\$488.00	\$521.00	\$555.00
Mining & Quarrying	569.59	790.00	839.00	772.00
Contract Construction	474.20	516.00	561.00	544.00
Manufacturing	418.69	644.00	621.00	644.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	457.80	648.00	653.00	761.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	293.84	337.00	391.00	392.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	497.66	613.00	696.00	748.00
Services	430.78	440.00	495.00	580.00
State & Local Government	411.29	484.00	494.00	530.00
	<u>Indiana</u>	<u>Ohio</u>	<u>Illinois</u>	<u>U.S.</u>
All Industries	\$530.00	\$553.00	\$634.00	\$578.00
Mining & Quarrying	849.00	773.00	881.00	961.00
Contract Construction	604.00	619.00	765.00	610.00
Manufacturing	732.00	776.00	792.00	737.00
Transportation & Public Utilities	633.00	669.00	764.00	724.00
Wholesale & Retail Trade	351.00	384.00	452.00	411.00
Finance, Insurance, & Real Estate	624.00	682.00	938.00	863.00
Services	452.00	486.00	575.00	547.00
State & Local Government	510.00	567.00	615.00	576.00

Note: The average weekly wage for each category includes salaries and wages of all persons working for that type of business. For example, the manufacturing category includes both production workers and administrative personnel. Domestic workers, railway workers, certain nonprofit corporations, majority of federal government workers, and self-employed workers are excluded. Wages for U.S. and surrounding states rounded to nearest dollar. N/A – Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, Average Weekly Wages of Workers Covered by Kentucky Unemployment Insurance Law, 1997. U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics, Employment and Wages, Annual Averages, 1997, December 1998.

EXISTING INDUSTRY

Williamsburg Manufacturing Firms, Their Products and Employment

<u>Firm</u>	<u>Product(s)</u>	<u>1998 Emp.</u>	<u>Date Established</u>
A J's Auto Electric Co.	Automobile starter & alternator rebuilding & repair	1	1984
Firestone Industrial Products	Air springs	500	1989
Hinkle Contracting Corp.	Bituminous concrete asphalt	5	N/A
Jamie's Curtains & Decor	Custom bedspreads, curtains & decorative items	22	1984
Lion Apparel Inc.	Men's & woman's safety clothing & uniforms; women's maternity apparel	300	1959
Mr. B Screenprinting	Textile, aluminum & plastic screen printing	3	1965
Print Shop	Commercial offset printing	3	1985
Sign Place	Vinyl lettered signs	2	1990
Suttons Welding/General Repair	Custom built machinery, heavy equipment repairing, arc & gas welding	3	1971
TCA Inc.	Typewriter components; wire assemblies & harnesses; electronic & electrical assemblies	400	1978
Whitley County Concrete II	Ready-mixed concrete	6	1963
Whitley Logging Co. Inc.	Logging	2	1992
Williamsburg Custom Meat Processing	Custom beef & pork processing	2	N/A
Williamsburg Manufacturing	Fiberglass spas & hot tubs	5	1988
Williamsburg Plastics	Plastic injection molded products	300	1992

Note: N/A - Data not available.

Sources: Kentucky Directory of Manufacturers published by Harris InfoSource in cooperation with the Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

Labor Organizations in Whitley County

There are no unions representing manufacturing workers in Whitley County.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

Selected Industrial Services – Within 50 Miles of Williamsburg

Miles	City	Custom Plastics Producers	Electric Motor Repair	Heat Treating Facilities	Industrial Waste Removal	Machine Shops, Tool & Die	Metal Castings	Metal Finishers	Metal Service Centers	Mill- wrights & Riggers
-	Williamsburg					X				
14	Corbin					X			X	
26	Middlesboro		X				X			
34	Somerset		X		X	X				

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from city center to city center; not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Cabinet for Economic Development, Division of Research.

TRANSPORTATION

Highways

Interstate 75, a major north-south multi-lane highway, directly serves Williamsburg. The city is also served directly by U.S. Highway 25W, a AAA-rated (80,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway; and Kentucky Highway 92, a AA-rated (62,000-pound gross load limit) trucking highway. Access to the Daniel Boone Parkway, a multi-lane toll road, is available 33 miles north of Williamsburg at London.

Highway Miles from Williamsburg, Kentucky to Selected Market Centers

<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Highway Miles</u>
Atlanta, GA	280	Indianapolis, IN	289
Baltimore, MD	593	Kansas City, MO	686
Birmingham, AL	325	Knoxville, TN	70
Charleston, WV	252	Lexington, KY	105
Chicago, IL	470	Louisville, KY	176
Cincinnati, OH	181	Minneapolis, MN	882
Cleveland, OH	433	Nashville, TN	202
Columbia, SC	331	New Orleans, LA	668
Columbus, OH	289	New York, NY	775
Dallas, TX	866	Pittsburgh, PA	470
Des Moines, IA	766	Raleigh, NC	428
Detroit, MI	444	Richmond, VA	503
Evansville, IN	294	St. Louis, MO	437
Huntington, WV	203	Tallahassee, FL	551

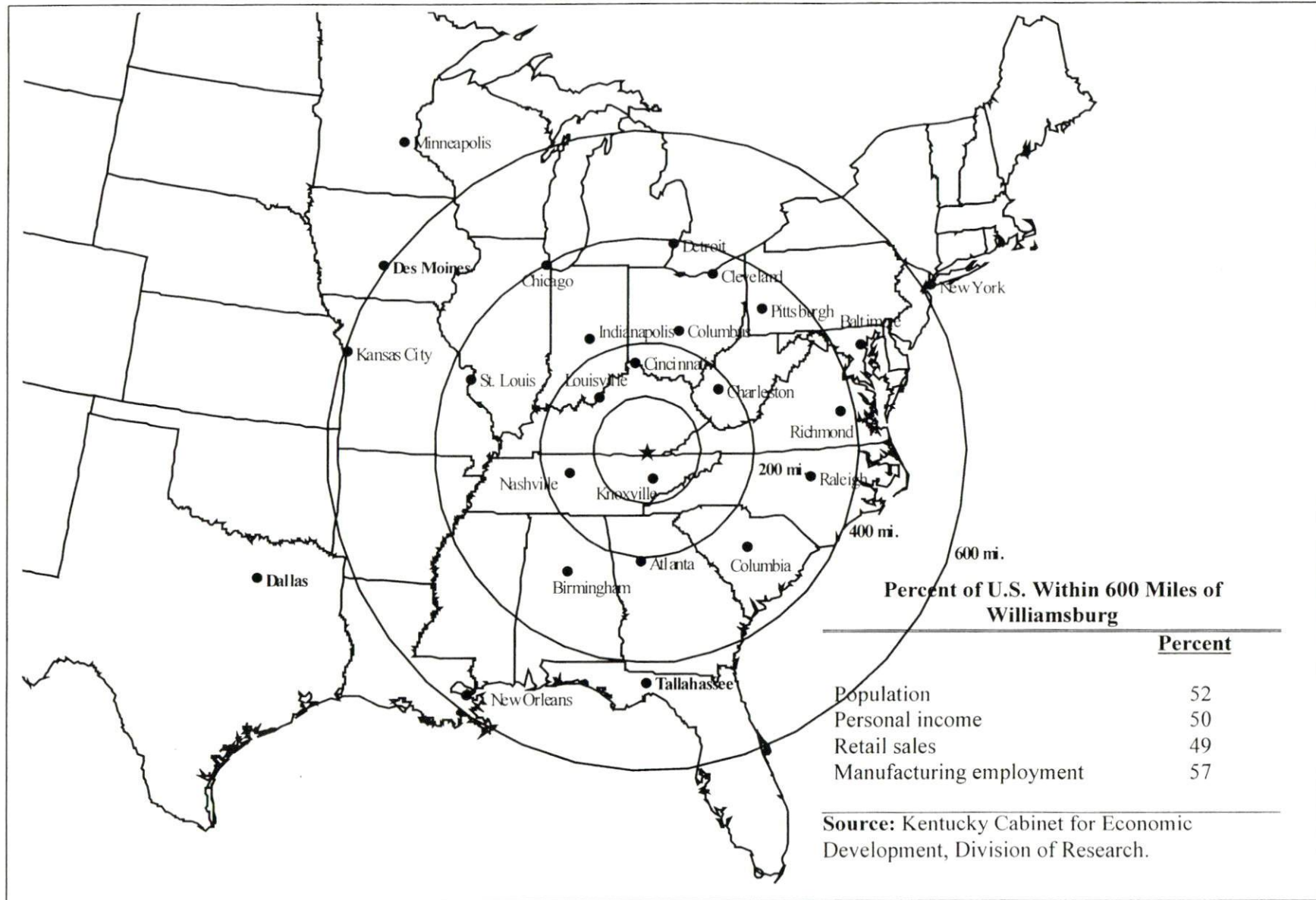
Note: Mileage computations are via the best interstate or primary highways, not necessarily the most direct route of travel.

Source: AAA Map 'n' Go, DeLORME, 1998.

Truck Service

Sixteen trucking companies provide interstate and/or intrastate service to Williamsburg. American Motor Carrier Directory, Spring 1999.

Selected Market Centers Map



Rail

CSX Transportation provides main line rail service to Williamsburg. The nearest intermodal facilities are provided by Norfolk Southern Corporation in Knoxville, Tennessee, 71 miles south of Williamsburg.

For details on routing, schedules, rates, and services contact:

Manager of Industrial Development
CSX Transportation
9420 Bunsen Parkway
Suite 212
Louisville, KY 40220
(502) 499-3025

Air

Local

	Magee Field (London-Corbin)
Location:	London, KY
Distance from Williamsburg:	28 miles north
Phone:	(606) 878-9100
Number of runways:	1
Length and type of longest runway:	6,000 feet (asphalt)

Commercial/International

	McGhee Tyson Airport
Location:	Knoxville, TN
Distance from Williamsburg:	81 miles south
Phone:	
Air service:	AirTrans, Comair-Delta Connections, Continental Express, Corporate Express, Delta, Lone Star, Northwest, Northwest AirlinK, TWA, United, United Express, US Airways, US Airways Express
Daily arrivals & departures:	98

UTILITIES

Electricity

Service area: **major portion of Whitley County**
Company: Cumberland Valley Electric
Source of power: East Kentucky Power Cooperative
For industrial rates contact:

Cumberland Valley Electric
Highway 25E
Gray, KY 40734
(606) 528-2677

and/or

East Kentucky Power Cooperative
Industrial Development Department
4775 Lexington Road
P.O. Box 707
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-4812

Service area: **Williamsburg and parts of Whitley County**
Company: Kentucky Utilities Company
Source of power: Kentucky Utilities Company
For industrial rates contact:

Kentucky Utilities Company
Economic Development Department
One Quality Street
Lexington, KY 40507
(606) 255-2100

Natural Gas

Service area: **Williamsburg**
Company: Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
Source of supply: Columbia Gas Transmission Company, Tennessee Gas Pipeline Company, and local production
For rates and supplies contact:

Delta Natural Gas Company, Inc.
VP-Public and Consumer Affairs
3617 Lexington Road
Winchester, KY 40391
(606) 744-6171

Public Water Supply

Service area: **Williamsburg**
Company: City of Williamsburg
P.O. Box 119
Williamsburg, KY 40769
(606) 549-6040

Treatment facilities information:

Source of water: Cumberland River
Treatment plant capacity: 2,000,000 gallons per day
Average daily consumption: 1,500,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 2,000,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 2,500,000 gallons
Water pressure: 30 psi to 150 psi

Service area: **central Whitley County**
Company: Cumberland Falls Highway Water District
3822 Cumberland Falls Highway
Corbin, KY 40701
(606) 528-0222

Treatment facilities information:

Source of treated water: Corbin City Utilities (270,000 gallons per day)
City of Williamsburg (270,000 gallons per day)
Average daily consumption: 400,000 gallons
Peak daily consumption: 438,000 gallons
Storage capacity: 500,000 gallons
Water pressure: 50 psi to 100 psi

Sewerage

Service area: **Williamsburg**
Company information: City of Williamsburg
P.O. Box 119
Williamsburg, KY 40769
(606) 549-6039

Design capacity: 800,000 gallons per day
Average daily flow: At capacity
Type of treatment: Secondary
Treated effluent discharged into: Cumberland River

Improvements: A new sewer plant will be under construction spring of 2000. Capacity will be increased to 2,000,000 gallons per day.

CLIMATE

Whitley County

Temperature

Normal (127-year record)	58.8 degrees
Average annual, 1997	58.0 degrees
Record highest, September 1954 (56-year record)	103 degrees
Record lowest, January 1985 (56-year record)	-24 degrees
Normal heating degree days (30-year record)	3,937
Normal cooling degree days (30-year record)	1,266

Precipitation

Normal (30-year record)	47.14 inches
Mean annual snowfall 30-year record)	13.4 inches
Total precipitation, 1997	50.13 inches
Mean number days precipitation (0.01 inch or more) (30-year record)	126.2
Mean number days thunderstorms (55-year record)	46.8

Prevailing Winds (24-year record)

Southwest

Relative Humidity (30-year record)

1 a.m.	81 percent
7 a.m.	85 percent
1 p.m.	85 percent
7 p.m.	85 percent

Notes: Heating degree day totals are the sums of negative departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F. Cooling degree day totals are the sums of positive departures of average daily temperatures from 65 degrees F.

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, National Climatic Data Center, Local Climatological Data, 1997.
Station of record: Knoxville, Tennessee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Structure

The City of Williamsburg is governed by a mayor, six council members, and a full-time city administrator. The mayor is elected to a four-year term while the council members each serve two-year terms. Whitley County is governed by a county judge/executive and three magistrates. Each county official serves a four-year term.

Planning and Zoning

City agency - Williamsburg Planning and Zoning Commission

Zoning enforced - Within city only

Subdivision regulations enforced - Within city only

Local codes enforced - Building and housing

Mandatory state codes enforced - Kentucky Plumbing Code, National Electric Code, Kentucky Boiler Regulations and Standards, Kentucky Building Code (modeled after BOCA code)

Local Fees and Licenses

A business privilege license is required by the City of Williamsburg for persons or firms engaged in any trades, professions, or businesses within the city limits. The license fee ranges from \$30 to \$1,000 annually. A city auto sticker fee of \$10 is levied by the City of Williamsburg. A building permit fee of \$10 plus one dollar per \$1,000 of total expenditures is also charged.

Sales and Use Tax

A state sales and use tax is levied at the rate of 6.0% on the purchase or lease price of taxable goods and on utility services. Local sales taxes are not levied in Kentucky.

State and Local Property Taxes

The Kentucky Constitution requires the state to tax all classes of taxable property, and state statutes allow local jurisdictions to tax only a few classes. All locally taxed property is subject to county taxes and school district taxes (either a county school district or an independent school district). Property located inside the city limits may also be subject to city property taxes. Property assessments in Kentucky are at 100% fair cash value. Accounts receivable are taxed at 85% of face value. Special local taxing jurisdictions (fire protection districts, watershed districts, and sanitation districts) levy taxes within their operating areas (usually a small portion of community or county).

State Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation

<u>Selected Classes of Property</u>	<u>State Rate, 1998</u>	<u>Local Taxation Permitted</u>
Real Estate	\$0.153	Yes
Manufacturing Machinery	0.150	No
Pollution Control Equipment	0.150	No
Inventories:		
Raw Materials	0.050	No
Goods in Process	0.050	No
Finished Goods	0.050	Yes
Motor Vehicles	0.450	Yes
Other Tangible Personal Property	0.450	Yes
Intangibles (Accounts Receivable, Money on Hand)	0.250	No

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

Local Property Tax Rates Per \$100 Valuation, 1998

<u>Taxing Jurisdiction</u>	<u>Real Estate</u>	<u>Finished Goods & Tangibles</u>	<u>Motor Vehicles</u>
<u>County</u>			
Whitley County	0.1810	0.1810	0.1809
<u>Cities</u>			
Williamsburg	0.2320	0.3175	0.3175
<u>School Districts</u>			
Corbin Independent & Annex	0.4140	0.4330	0.6930
Whitley County	0.4520	0.4880	0.5520
Williamsburg Independent	0.4580	0.4640	0.5400

Source: Property Tax Rates 1998, Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, Department of Property Valuation.

EDUCATION

Primary and Secondary Schools

Public School District Enrollments and Expenditures, 1996-97

	<u>Total Enrollment</u>	<u>Expenditures Per Pupil</u>	<u>Pupil to Teacher Ratio</u>
Corbin Independent & Annex	1,994	5,689	17.6
Whitley County	4,520	6,548	18.0
Williamsburg Independent	904	6,119	15.9

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Transition to Adult Life of High School Graduates, 1996-97

<u>County-wide</u>	<u>Number of Graduates</u>	<u>Percent of Total Graduates (%)</u>
Total High School Graduates	408	
To College	168	41.2
To Vocational/Technical School	12	2.9
To Workforce	155	38.0
To Work & School	51	12.5
To Military	14	3.4
Other	8	2.0

Source: Kentucky Department of Education, Office of Curriculum, Assessment, and Accountability.

Nonpublic Schools, 1997-98

	<u>Enrollment</u>	<u>Grades</u>
St. Camillus Academy Elementary	195	PS-8

Source: Kentucky Schools Directory 1997-98, Kentucky Department of Education.

Colleges and Technical Schools

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Williamsburg

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
-	Cumberland College	Williamsburg	1,691
18	Union College	Barbourville	1,011
31	Lincoln Memorial University	Harrogate, TN	2,003
34	Somerset Community College	Somerset	2,558

Area Colleges and Universities Within 60 Miles of Williamsburg (continued)

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (Fall 1997)</u>
54	Knoxville College	Knoxville, TN	434
54	University of Tennessee at Knoxville	Knoxville, TN	24,578
57	Carson-Newman College	Jefferson City, TN	2,265
58	Berea College	Berea	1,464
Total Enrollment			36,004

Note: Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Williamsburg, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Council on Higher Education.

Kentucky Technical Schools Within 60 Miles of Williamsburg

<u>Miles</u>	<u>Institution</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Enrollment (1997-98)</u>		
			<u>Sec</u>	<u>P/S</u>	<u>Total</u>
14	Corbin ATC	Corbin	265	44	309
18	Knox County ATC	Barbourville	371	32	403
26	Bell County ATC	Pineville	321	0	321
26	Laurel County Technical College Cumberland Valley Campus	Pineville	0	171	171
27	Laurel County Technical College	London	232	399	631
34	Somerset Technical College	Somerset	2	711	713
36	Clay County ATC	Manchester	248	35	283
38	Wayne County ATC	Monticello	749	0	749
44	Rockcastle County ATC	Mount Vernon	367	73	440
48	Laurel County Technical College Harlan Campus	Harlan	126	307	433
53	Leslie County ATC	Hyden	641	15	656
54	Clinton County ATC	Albany	516	29	545
55	Russell County ATC	Russell Springs	414	0	414
58	Casey County ATC	Liberty	709	0	709
Total Enrollment			4,961	1,816	6,777

Notes: Kentucky Tech secondary schools (Sec), called area technology centers (ATC), are operated by the Cabinet for Workforce Development and the post-secondary schools (P/S), called technical colleges, are governed by the Kentucky Community and Technical College System (KCTCS). Adult courses may be offered at some secondary technical schools. Miles are calculated as the straight-line distance from Williamsburg, not road miles.

Source: Kentucky Workforce Development Cabinet, KCTCS.

Customized Training

The Kentucky Tech system, through its training and development coordinators, will provide technical assistance and will identify and develop low-cost customized training programs and services for both established and prospective businesses. Businesses wanting to establish a customized training program should contact a Training and Development Coordinator at the Laurel County Technical College.

Assessment Services

Kentucky Tech Career Connections offers business, education, and government agencies testing packages for evaluating job applicants, selecting employees for promotional consideration and developing training programs within the organization. The Career Connections Assessment Center serving the Williamsburg area is located at the Laurel County Technical College.

Adult Education Services

Adult education programs are available to adults who want to develop new academic skills, improve basic skills, or earn a high school equivalency diploma. In Williamsburg, adult basic education and adult literacy classes are administered through the Whitley County Literacy Council.

Bluegrass State Skills Corporation

The Bluegrass State Skills Corporation (BSSC) was established in 1984 by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky as an independent, de jure corporation to stimulate economic development through customized business and industry specific skills training programs. The BSSC works with business and industry and Kentucky's educational institutions to establish programs of skills training. The BSSC is attached to the Cabinet for Economic Development for administrative purposes, in recognition of the relationship between economic development and skills training efforts.

The BSSC is comprised of two economic development tools, matching grants and the newly authorized Skills Training Investment Credit Act. The BSSC grant program is available to new, expanding and existing business and industry. Eligible training activities include pre-employment skills training and assessment; entry level, skills upgrade and occupational upgrade training; train-the-trainer travel; and capacity-building. The Skills Training Investment Credit Act provides tax credits to existing businesses for skills upgrade training.

OTHER LOCAL FACILITIES

Local Medical Personnel

Physicians - 9

Dentists - 4

Hospitals

<u>General Hospitals</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Beds</u>
Jellico Community Hospital	Jellico, Tennessee; 11 miles south of Williamsburg	54
Baptist Regional Medical Center	Corbin, Kentucky; 19 miles 19 miles north of Williamsburg	263

Jellico Community Hospital

Medical staff - 14 active staff physicians, 49 registered nurses, 17 licensed practical nurses

Baptist Regional Medical Center

Medical staff - 73 active staff physicians, 34 courtesy physicians, 18 consulting physicians, 274 registered nurses, and 52 licensed practical nurses

Other Medical Facilities and Services

Appalachian Health Service
Associates in Eye Care
Cumberland River Clinic
Gil-Bon Christian Medical Center
Mountain Lifeline Ambulance Service
Occupational Health Clinic
Whitley County Health Department
Williamsburg Family Medical Center

Banks and Savings & Loan Associations

Community Trust Bank
Cumberland Valley National Bank and Trust Company
Town and Country Bank
Union Planters Bank
Williamsburg National Bank

Newspaper

Corbin Tribune
Whitley Republic - News Journal

Telephone Service

BellSouth
Enhanced "911" emergency dispatch communication system

RECREATION

Williamsburg, the "Gateway to the Cumberlands," is located about mid-way between Knoxville, Tennessee and Lexington, Kentucky on I-75, one of the busiest interstates in America. Exit 11 at Williamsburg is one of the busiest exits on I-75, making the Williamsburg Tourist Information Center a valuable asset to not only the people of southeast Kentucky but for I-75 travelers. The Williamsburg Tourism and Convention Center offers excellent meeting and convention facilities for groups of 10 to 1000 in size.

Public recreation facilities in Williamsburg include four parks which feature a swimming pool, softball fields, baseball fields, tennis courts, basketball courts, picnic areas, horseshoe pits, a walking track, and a boat ramp. Private recreational facilities include a country club with golf course and swimming pool, a movie theatre, and a drive-in theatre.

Whitley County is located in the southern portion of the Daniel Boone National Forest, which covers 640,000 acres of timberland in eastern Kentucky. It encompasses much of Kentucky's great beauty and provides a vacation paradise. There are scenic hiking trails, rivers and streams stocked with a variety of fish, hunting preserves, camping sites, and numerous other natural and historical attractions.

Cumberland Falls State Resort Park is located on Kentucky Highway 90, 19 miles northwest of Williamsburg near Corbin in the Daniel Boone National Forest. The park is famous for its "Falls" which drop 68 feet over a 125-foot wide ledge and shows one of only two known "moonbows" in the world. A "moonbow" is like a rainbow but is formed during a full moon on a clear night. The park offers a modern lodge with 53 rooms, 20 woodland duplexes, 26 cabins, camping, fishing, swimming, hiking, rafting, horseback riding, picnicking, tennis, planned recreation, a playground, and a gift shop. Also featured is a complete meeting facility which holds up to 300 people; meals are catered to large groups. Cumberland Falls attracts more than one million visitors a year.

The Big South Fork National River and Recreation Area, 28 miles west of Williamsburg near Whitley City, was developed as an outdoor recreation area by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in cooperation with the National Park Service. The area lies along the Big South Fork of the Cumberland River in Kentucky and Tennessee and encompasses some of the state's most rugged and scenic terrain. Recreational opportunities include hiking, camping, horseback riding, picnicking, whitewater rafting, canoeing and kayaking trips. The Big South Fork Scenic Railway offers views of fascinating scenery by rail. The train operates on a regular schedule between Stearns and Blue Heron. A restored mining camp and interpretive museum are located within the Recreation Area.

A \$5 million water park and family entertainment center will be under construction in 2000. The complex will feature arcade, putt putt golf, bumper boats, batting cages, go-carts and a water park. Completion is expected late in 2000. The forty acre park will be owned and operated by the City of Williamsburg.

Area (Within 55 miles)

Cumberland Gap National Historic Park
Dr. Thomas Walker State Historic Site
General Burnside State Park
Levi Jackson Wilderness Road State Park
Pine Mountain State Resort Park

APPENDIX A - DEFINITIONS

Geographic definition of the labor market area

A county's labor market area is defined as the base county, adjacent counties, and any other major commuting counties. Adjacency is used to define the labor market area primarily because of the small size of Kentucky's counties. The major commuting counties are defined from the point of view of the base county. Major commuting counties are those counties that comprise 90% of the base county's total commuters. The source of the commuting patterns is the 1990 journey-to-work data available from the U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis.

Example – Logan County

To determine the labor market area for Logan County the following steps are taken. First, the counties with workers commuting into Logan county are listed in ascending order (see the table below). The cumulative percent is calculated. Next, all counties that comprise up to 90% of the commuters are included in the labor market area (actually the cut-off will be the county that breaks the 90% threshold – Montgomery County, TN at 92.6% in this case). Although Robertson is not a major commuter county, it is included since it is adjacent. The Logan County labor market is then comprised of the seven bold-faced counties in the table below.

Labor Market Area – Logan County (Example Only)				
<u>Adjacent to Logan</u>	<u>Commuter County</u>	<u>Commuters into Logan</u>	<u>Percent of Total Commuters</u>	<u>Cumulative Percent</u>
Y	Todd	385	24.4%	24.4%
Y	Warren	377	23.9	48.4
Y	Muhlenberg	365	23.2	71.5
Y	Simpson	162	10.3	81.8
Y	Butler	116	7.4	89.1
	Montgomery, TN	55	3.5	92.6
	Christian	36	2.3	94.9
	Sumner, TN	35	2.2	97.1
Y	Robertson, TN	25	1.6	98.7
	Davidson, TN	20	1.3	100.0
<i>Total Commuters into Logan County</i>		<i>1,576</i>	<i>100.0</i>	

Source: U.S. Department of Commerce, Bureau of Economic Analysis. Regional Economic Information System, CD-ROM. August 1997.

Potential Labor Supply

The potential labor supply is an estimate of those persons not classified as in the labor force (not employed and not unemployed), but who want a job. The assumption is that people not in the labor force at the local level would like a job at the same rate as the nation. The U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics provides national, yearly estimates of the percent of the people not in the labor force who want a job. This percent is applied to the county-level number of people not in the labor force.

Underemployed

Wholesale/retail trade and non-professional services have historically paid low wages. The assumption is that workers in these industries would take higher paying jobs if they were available. Non-professional services excludes Miscellaneous Repair Services (SIC 7600), Health Services (SIC 8000), Legal Services (SIC 8100), and Engineering and Management Services (SIC 8700).

Total Available Labor

Total available labor is the sum of the number of unemployed, potential labor supply, and underemployed. Please note that the number of unemployed is the only generally accepted measure of labor availability. The other concepts are weaker measures and should be used with caution.